



# PROCLAMATION

*Against the Importing Viſual or Cattel from Ireland.*



WILLIAM and MARY by the Grace of GOD, King and Queen of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, Defenders of the Faith, To

Macers of Our Privy Council, or Meſſengers at Arms; Our Sheriffs in that part, Conjunctly and Severally, Specially Conſtitute, Greeting: Forasmuch as the Importing of Viſual; Horſe and Cowes from Ireland into this Kingdom, hath been by divers Laws and Acts of Parliament, made in the time of Our Royal Predeceſſors Diſcharged under great Pains, notwithstanding whereof, and by Reason of the unſettled State of both Kingdoms, the Obſervation of the ſaid Laws hath been of late much neglected; And We being reſolved, that due and exact Obedience ſhall be given to the ſaid Laws for the time to come, and that they ſhall be Execute with all Rigour, againſt ſuch as Tranſgreſs the ſame: Therefore, We with Advice of the Lords of Our Privy Council, Strictly Prohibit and Diſcharge the Importing of any Meal, or other Viſual whatſomever, or of any Horſe, Mares, or Cowes from the ſaid Kingdom of Ireland into this Kingdom, either by the Natives thereof, or Inhabitants in Ireland, or any other Foraigners whatſomever, from, and after the Day and Date hereof, under the Pains and Penalties following, viz. as to the Importing of any Meal and

other Viſual, that all the Meal and Viſual which ſhall be Imported, ſhall be Sunk and Destroyed; And the Seizer or Discoverer, for his Reward ſhall have the Boat, Bark, or Veſſel, wherein the ſaid Meal or Viſual ſhall be Imported, to Diſpoſe of at his pleaſure, Conform to the fourteenth Act of the Parliament 1686: As alſo, the half of the Fines Impoſed upon the Importers, Reſetters, and Heretors by the third Act, third Seſſion, Parliament ſecond, Charles Second; And as to the Importing Horſes, Cowes, and other Cattel, that no Horſe, Mare, Cowes, or other Cattel whatſomever, ſhall be Imported from Ireland to this Kingdom, under the Pain and Penaltie of Forefaulting thereof; and further, under the pain of paying the Sum of an Hundred Merks Scots for each Beaſt that ſhall be Imported, the one half of both the Beaſts and Fines, to belong to the Seizer and Discoverer, and the other half to Us and Our Thelaurie: And We with Advice ſoreſaid, Prohibit and Diſcharge any Perſon, or Perſons whatſomever, to Buy, Uſe, or Retail any Irish Meal, or Viſual, or Reſet, or Buy any Horſes, Mares, or Nolt, that they know to be Imported out of Ireland, after the Day ſoreſaid, under the Pains Contained in the ſaid Acts of Parliament. And We with Advice ſoreſaid, have Nominate and Appointed David Crauſoord of Drumſhie, to ſee the ſoreſaid Acts of Parliament made againſt Importing of Irish Viſual, Vigorouſly put to Execution, during ſuch time and ſpace as Our Privy Council ſhall think Fit, with Power to him to appoint Servants, and others under him, to attend in all Places, betwixt the Head of Kintyre and Lochryan, and from Lochryan to Dumfries for the more Effectual performing, and Diſcharging their Duty in the Premilles. OUR WILL IS HEREFOR, And We Charge you Straitlie, and Command, that Incontinent theſe Our Letters ſeen, ye paſs to the Mercat-Croſs of Edinburgh, and to the Mercat-Croſs of the Burghs of Glasgow and Dumfries, and of the Head-Burghs of the ſeveral Shires within that Bounds, and thereat make Publick Intimation of Our Pleaſure in the Premilles, that none may pretend Ignorance; And Ordains theſe Preſents to be Printed.

Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh, the Thirteenth Day of March, and of Our Reign the Fifth Year, 1694.

Per Aſſum Dominorum Secreti Concilii:  
GILB. ELIOT, Cls. Sti. Concilii.

*GOD Save the King.*

EDINBURGH, September 8. 1697.

THE Lords of His Majesties Privy Council, do hereby Revive the ſoreſaid Proclamation emitted by their Lordſhips upon March the Thirteenth, 1694, Intituled a Proclamation againſt the Importing of Viſual, or Cattel from Ireland: And Ordains the ſame to be put to farther Execution in all Points. And Ordains it to be Re-printed, and again Published at the Head-Burghs upon the Weſtern-Coaſts: And appoints His Majesties Sollicitor to cauſe Tranſmitt Printed Coppies thereof to the ſeveral Offices of His Majesties Foreign Custom and Excise where there is a Collector; And appoints the Collectors to affix a Printed Coppie of the ſaid Proclamation upon their ſeveral Offices: And Ordains thir Preſents to be Printed with the ſaid Proclamation, and to be ſent and affix as the ſaid Proclamation it ſelf, to the Effect that none may pretend Ignorance.

GILB. ELIOT, Cls. Sti. Concilii.